

Low Power FM Radio is designed to allow community churches, schools, chambers of commerce, and other not-for-profit groups to broadcast to their local communities. We believe that news, music, opinions, and public affairs from local groups are more relevant to the community and the public, rather than the broadcasts of syndicated services utilizing satellite or network services.

A Low Power FM station held by a local school or church would give us local, volunteer, community options. We understand why consumers all across the United States have filed comments with the Commission, asking them to defend local, community-based broadcasting. They want to hear an alternative to the overly commercial, frequently offensive programming put out by broadcasters like Clear Channel and Viacom.

Further, we believe that translators should have a secondary status with regard to locally based Low Power stations. If a bonafide local organization wants to use a channel for real, new, local broadcasting, they should not be pre-empted by a translator or repeater. The licensing system as it stands gives preference to remote, out-of-state organizations looking to rebroadcast on thousands of channels nationwide, rather than to local entities who want just one community radio station.

Please expand LPFM, and allow communities to have a real local choice of broadcasting. Thank you.